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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY DETAINEES

REF: CAPE TOWN 560 (NOTAL)

1. AT AUGUST 27 PRESS CONFERENCE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE JIMMY KRUGER STATED THAT MORE THAN 800 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DETAINED SINCE THE RIOTING BEGAN IN JUNE. SEVENTY-SEVEN ARE BEING HELD UNDER PREVENTIVE DETENTION ACCORDING TO SECTION 10 OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT. KRUGER SAID 744 OTHERS HAVE BEEN DETAINED UNDER OTHER SECURITY LEGISLATION FOR VARIOUS POLITICAL AND CRIMINAL OFFENSES OR INTERROGATION.

2. ON AUGUST 28 KRUGER SAID A REVIEW COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE 77 HELD UNDER PREVENTIVE DETENTION HAD ALREADY BEEN APPOINTED UNDER PROVISIONS OF INTERNAL SECURITY ACT.

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KRUGER ADDED THAT NAMES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD NOT BE REVEALED.

3. ADDITIONAL DETENTIONS ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS ARE;  
MRS. VESTA SMITH OF NOORDGESIG, CHAIRMAN OF CORD (CHARGE  
OR RELEASE DETAINEES); MR ZETH MOTOPENG, DIRECTOR OF URBAN  
RESOURCES CENTRE IN ROODEPORT; AND MISS SIBONGILE SUSAN  
MTHEMBU, MEMBER OF SOWETO SRC.

4. COMMENT; AS REPORTED IN CAPE TOWN 560, THE MECHANICS  
OF THE CONFIDENTIAL AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE  
LEAVE TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE WITH COMPLETE LICENSE TO  
IGNORE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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